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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Taxes assessed for the year 1885 are as follows:

State tax,	$772 00	
County tax,	956 10	
School tax,	1215 98	
School house tax, District No. 9,	100 00	
School house tax, District No. 3,	255 00	
Town tax,	1705 73	
Dog tax,	68 00	
		$5072 81

The selectmen charge themselves with receiving the following money:

1885.		
April 15, received of P. R. Currier, in part for oxen,	$75 00	
received of Co. of Rockingham,	147 34	
June 29, " Mary R. Prescott, borrowed money,	200 00	
received of Mary E. Prescott, borrowed money,	50 00	
July 23, received of Granite Encampment Lodge, borrowed money,	55 00	
August 1, received of Willie B. Tilton, rent of hall,	17 19	
Oct. 20, received of Co. of Rockingham,	215 46	
1886.		
Jan. 11, received of State as follows:—		
railroad tax,	$47 90	
savings bank tax,	951 32	
literary fund,	110 41	
received for bounties,	32 90	
Feb. 27, " of Charles N. Tilton for rent of hall,	25 25	
Received from sale of lots in Pine Grove cemetery, as follows:		
Feb. 26, Dorothy Healey,	$10 00	
Charles Poore,	10 00	
		$1947 77

The selectmen credit themselves with cash paid the treasurer, as follows:

1885.			
April 12,	cash paid treasurer,	$222 34	
June 29,	" "	250 00	
July 13,	" "	55 00	
Oct. 20,	" "	215 46	
1886.			
Jan. 16,	" "	200 00	
Feb. 19,	" "	100 00	
26,	" "	87 72	
	" "	10 00	
	" "	772 00	
27,	" "	35 25	
	" "	956 10	
			$1947 77

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

March 20, paid Olive E. Bean, board of selectman for 1884 to March 2, 1885,	$17 00	
28, paid Levi S. Brown, snow bill for 1884,	21 12	
April 21, paid S. P. Blake, collector of taxes for the years 1883 and 1884,	140 00	
		$178 12

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

March 6, paid Frank Davis, for labor on highway,	$7 50
" 24, paid Frank Davis, for labor on highway,	7 50
" " paid Josiah West, labor on highway,	7 50
" " paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	6 88
" " paid Orin West, labor on highway,	6 25
May 8, paid Joseph West, labor on highway,	7 50

May	8, paid Orin West, labor on highway,	$7 50
"	" paid Levi S. Brown and oxen,	25 25
"	" paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	7 50
"	" paid Frank S. Page, labor on highway,	3 00
"	9, paid Olney T. Brown, labor on highway,	2 00
"	16, paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	5 00
"	" paid Levi S. Brown, labor on highway,	21 00
"	18, paid John W. Harriman, labor on highway,	33 00
"	19, paid George H. Hardy, labor on highway,	8 75
"	23, paid Josiah West, labor on highway,	12 50
"	" paid John W. Robie, labor on highway,	29 38
"	" paid Levi S. Brown, labor on highway,	29 00
"	" paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	7 50
"	" paid Cyrus M. Roberts, labor on highway,	40 00
"	" paid Orin West, labor on highway,	6 25
"	30, paid Josiah West, labor on highway,	5 00
"	" paid George West, labor on highway,	6 25
"	" paid Frank Davis, labor on highway,	5 00
"	" paid Levi S. Brown, labor on highway,	18 50
June	3, paid Frank Dwight, labor on highway,	20 00
"	" paid George West, labor on highway,	5 00
"	6, paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	10 00
"	" paid Frank Davis, labor on highway,	4 38

June	" paid Josiah West, labor on highway,	$6 25
"	8, paid Levi S. Brown, labor on highway,	19 75
"	13, paid Josiah West, labor on highway,	7 50
"	16, paid John W. Robie, labor on highway,	20 00
"	17, paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	11 25
"	22, paid Cyrus Roberts, labor on highway,	42 00
"	26, paid John E. Cram, for bridge stringers and use of cart and wheels,	7 00
July	1, paid George M. Moulton, for stone culverts and use of wheels,	10 00
"	16, paid Plummer B. Corson, labor on highway,	3 00
"	23, paid Healey & Wight, for grain,	13 06
Aug.	7, paid Alanson Brown, for cutting bushes,	5 50
"	8, paid John Norris Tilton, labor on highway,	1 00
"	22, paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	1 50
"	29, paid Benjamin Dearborn, for 2047 pounds of hay,	20 47
Sept.	3, paid John W. Floyd, for cutting bushes,	10 25
"	9, paid Moses M. Batchelder, labor on highway,	10 00
"	25, paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	8 13
"	" paid Lewis Morrison, labor on highway,	1 00
Oct.	5, paid Cyrus M. Roberts, labor on highway,	12 00
"	" paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	1 25
"	10, paid John W. Robie, labor on highway,	4 37
"	" paid Sanborn Sleeper, labor on highway,	1 25

Oct. 11,	paid Joseph V. B. Dearborn, labor on highway,	$1 25
Nov. 9,	paid Jonathan A. Lane, for plank for Pecker bridge and railing,	55 52
" 16,	paid Dana C. Healey, for 350 feet of boards,	3 50
"	" paid John N. Tilton, labor on highway,	3 00
" 21,	paid John Harrison, for cutting bushes,	2 50
" 23,	paid Goodrich & Stevens, for castings for road machine,	24 09
Nov. 24,	paid John S. Lane, for cutting bushes,	3 75
" 25,	paid Levi S. Brown, labor on highway,	9 50
Dec. 24,	paid Charles C. Brown, labor on highway,	1 00
1886.		
Jan. 4,	paid Samuel B. Gove, labor and railing for highway,	5 50
Feb. 19,	paid Richard Clough, labor on highway,	2 75
" 20,	paid H. W. Batchelder, labor on highway,	5 00
" 23,	paid Gilman E. Gile, labor on highway,	1 25
"	" paid James H. Healey, labor on highway,	1 25
"	" paid John Healey, stringers and rails,	8 00
" 25,	paid Walter J. Dudley, rails for Dudley bridge,	5 00
"	" paid Walter J. Dudley, labor on highway,	2 50
"	" paid R. G. L. Tilton, labor on highway,	3 50
" 26,	paid John E. Cram, labor on highway,	1 25
"	" paid L. A. Clough, for 2523 feet of pine plank for highway bridge in district No. 7,	37 84
" 27,	paid George Pollard, labor on highway,	1 88

Feb. 27, paid S. P. Blake, highway receipts,	$0 93	
" " paid J. N. Tilton, labor on highway,	1 25	
" " paid O. W. Fellows, smith work,	2 50	
		$758 93

COUNTY POOR.

1885.

March 19, paid Orin Sanborn, for coffin for Mrs. Gleason,	$10 00
April 15, paid C. W. Prescott, for goods furnished to Mrs. Spinney and Edmond Gleason,	5 46
" paid John Healey, for wood furnished James Bean,	3 75
" paid C. A. Shepard, goods furnished Sturtevant children,	10 00
" paid Healey & Wight, for goods furnished Jeremiah Smart, James Bean, Julia Tilton, Mrs. Spinney,	59 50
" paid Prescott & Smith, for goods furnished Edmond Gleason and Mrs. Spinney,	17 15
" 16, paid P. B. Corson, trip to Brentwood, for coffin and funeral expenses for Mrs. Edmond Gleason,	3 00
" 18, paid Frank P. Brown, for goods furnished N. D. West,	12 00
May 29, paid True M. Gould, for medical attendance to James Bean,	4 00
July 17, paid L. E. Grant, for medical attendance to James Bean,	2 00
Aug. 15, paid True M. Gould, for medicine and attendance to James Bean,	19 00
" 31, paid Frank Moore, for digging grave for Mrs. Gleason,	2 00
Sept. 21, paid Frank P. Brown, for goods furnished N. D. West,	26 00
" 27, paid H. G. Whittier, for wood furnished Edmond Gleason,	6 50

Oct. 20,	paid Healey & Wight, for goods furnished James Bean, Julia Tilton, Jeremiah Smart, John Moore and Mrs. Spinney,	$102 21	
"	paid L. E. Grant, for medical attendance for Mrs. Spinney's girl,	4 25	
Nov. 3,	paid C. A. Shepard, for goods furnished Sturtevant children,	13 00	
"	paid Prescott & Smith, for goods furnished Edmond Gleason,	27 00	
"	paid Prescott & Smith, for goods furnished Mrs. Spinney,	10 00	
" 4,	paid Samuel S. Moody, for clothing furnished for Mrs. Spinney's girl.	10 00	
1886.			
Jan. 1,	paid William H. Bailey, for goods furnished to Mrs. Spinney,	5 50	
			$352 32

TOWN POOR.

April 17,	paid William O. Reynolds, for nine weeks, board Almira Robie,	13 50	
May 2,	paid Jonathan Davis, for sawing wood for Almira Robie,	1 00	
July 23,	paid Healey & Wight, for goods furnished Almira Robie,	17 50	
Oct. 5,	paid Jonathan Davis, for sawing wood for Almira Robie,	1 00	
Nov. 15,	paid Healey & Wight, for goods furnished Almira Robie,	15 00	
Dec. 14,	paid Jonathan Davis, for four weeks' board for Almira Robie,	7 00	
1886.			
Feb. 8,	paid Jonathan Davis, for eight weeks' board of Almira Robie,	14 00	
Feb. 23,	paid John Healey, for one cord of wood for Almira Robie,	2 00	
			$71 00

PARSONAGE FUND INTEREST.

1885.			
April 4,	paid M. V. B. Gile, interest in full for the year 1884, Baptist,	$2 00	

1886.

Feb. 19, paid Warren Titcomb, Methodist,	25 25	
" paid Gideon Currier, Cong'l,	29 00	
" paid John Healey, Universalist,	15 00	
		$71 25

BOUNTIES ON WOODCHUCKS.

August 8, to cash paid on woodchucks, by J. N. Tilton,	$4 80	
Sept. 21, to cash paid on woodchucks, by J. M. Healey,	5 50	
" to cash paid on woodchucks, by P. B. Corson,	13 60	
		$23 90

DAMAGE BY DOGS, 1884.

April 1, paid Charles G. Brown,	$5 27	
" " M. V. B. Gile,	8 52	
" " Annie T. Towle,	2 84	
" " Mark Scribner,	10 65	
" " Oliver H. Bickford,	2 84	
" " John N. Tilton,	4 26	
" " Moses M. Batchelder,	12 07	
" " John Smith,	3 19	
" " Sarah F. Roberts,	3 55	
" " Gilman E. Gile,	7 81	
		$61 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

1885.

Paid Edgar H. Poor, Dist. No. 1,	$130 00	
Plummer B. Corson, Dist. No. 2,	85 50	
Eben S. Griffin, Dist. No. 3,	141 40	
Jonathan A. Lane, Dist. No. 4,	66 00	
Plummer D. Small, Dist. No. 5,	43 25	
H. W. Batchelder, Dist. No. 6,	118 50	
Frank R. Grant, Dist. No. 7,	86 40	
Forest E. Paige, Dist. No. 8,	370 28	
William A. Elliott, Dist. No. 9,	81 65	
Fred C. Payson, Dist. No. 10,	58 00	
Alfred A. Mulliken, M. B.	35 00	
		$1215 98

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX.

1885.		
Oct. 14, paid T. L. Brown, Dist. No. 9,	$100 00	
1886.		
Feb. 8, paid Irvin Folsom, Dist. No. 3,	250 00	
Feb. 19, paid " balance due Dist. No. 3, for the year 1882,	5 00	
		$355 00

STATE TAX.

Paid State tax,	$772 00	

COUNTY TAX.

Paid County tax,	$956 10	

TOWN CHARGES.

March 9, paid John B. Clark, for printing town reports,	$24 30	
14, paid John H. Holt, for making town reports and expenses,	5 75	
17, paid Temple & Farrington, for books for the town clerk,	6 95	
" Clarence M. Edgerly, for insurance on hearse house and hearse,	5 00	
April 15, paid C. W. Prescott, for powder and fuse,	1 58	
April 16, paid P. B. Corson, for making town reports,	3 00	
" paid B. F. Davis, for putting up twenty tramps,	5 00	
" paid John N. Tilton, for making town reports,	1 70	
" paid P. B. Corson, one trip to Exeter,	3 00	
April 18, paid Day & Pratt, for one copy of assessors' scales,	2 00	
May 1, paid C. O. Foye, for one pair of oxen,	160 00	
9, paid Olney T. Brown, for services as auditor,	2 00	

July 16,	paid P. B. Corson, one trip to Manchester,	$2 50
"	paid P. B. Corson, for time and expense buying oxen,	4 00
27,	paid P. B. Corson, for services as selectman,	30 00
29,	paid John Norris Tilton, services as selectman in part,	25 00
Aug. 1,	paid William J. Welch, for horse hire,	3 00
8,	paid John N. Tilton, for winding town clock,	6 00
Aug. 31,	paid Willie B. Tilton, for services as janitor of town hall,	6 50
Sept. 2,	paid Noah T. Willey, for winding town clock,	3 67
21,	paid B. F. Davis, for putting up twenty tramps,	5 00
Oct. 27,	paid George Kingston, for fitting one cord of wood for town hall,	1 25
Nov. 17,	paid Dana C. Healey, services as Town Clerk,	30 00
19,	paid P. B. Corson, for one trip to Portsmouth and expenses,	3 00
"	paid P. B. Corson, for perambulating town lines,	2 25
"	paid P. B. Corson, for one trip to Manchester,	2 50
"	paid P. B. Corson, for one plow for highway,	8 00
"	paid P. B. Corson, for one cable chain,	4 75
Dec. 11,	paid W. H. Bailey, for hardware,	3 74
26,	paid W. H. Bailey, for hardware,	55
"	paid G. F. Bosher & Co., for eight chairs for the high school room,	3 20
"	paid Charles Poor, for freight on chairs,	25
"	paid Charles Poor, freight on castings,	50
12,	paid Noah T. Willey, for winding town clock and repairing the same,	6 17

1886.

Jan. 14,	paid True M. Gould, for recording births and deaths,	$7 50
22,	paid John L. Poor, for repairing settees for the town hall,	6 00
23,	paid James M. Healey, trip to Candia,	1 25
"	paid James M. Healey, horse three days taking inventory,	3 00
"	James M. Healey, perambulating town lines,	2 50
"	James M. Healey, labor on school room,	1 40
"	John Healey, one cord of pine slabs for town hall,	2 00
"	paid John N. Tilton, labor and expense on high school room,	1 50
Feb. 23,	paid L. E. Grant, for recording births and deaths,	75
25,	paid T. Morrill Gould, for printing orders,	1 00
"	paid Josiah S. Whittier, putting up tramps,	9 25
"	paid John D. Brown, services as supervisor,	5 00
26,	paid James L. Jones, 16 trips with hearse,	24 00
"	paid James L. Jones, horse hire,	3 00
"	paid P. B. Corson, services as selectman, in full to March 1st, 1886,	17 00
"	paid P. B. Corson, trip to Concord, to pay State tax,	4 00
"	paid P. B. Corson, trip to Exeter,	2 50
27,	paid John Norris Tilton, services as selectman in full,	11 00
"	paid John N. Tilton, horse one day taking inventory,	1 00
"	paid James M. Healey, services as selectman in full,	31 50
"	paid Olney T. Brown, services as treasurer,	30 00
"	paid S. P. Blake, discount on taxes for 1885,	129 13

Feb. 26, paid Charles N. Tilton, janitor of town hall, and expense,	$18 58	
" paid Dana C. Healey, trip to Manchester on pauper business,	2 00	
		$685 39

NOTES AND INTEREST.

1885.		
Mar. 7, paid Dudley Lane, interest,	$2 00	
" 31, paid J. W. Fisk, note in part,	70 00	
April 22, paid Aaron W. Brown, note in part,	140 00	
July 30, paid Joseph Fisk, note in part,	80 00	
1886.		
Feb. 23, paid Eleanor Prescott, interest,	40 00	
" paid Joseph E. Prescott, "	16 00	
" paid George C. Prescott, "	12 00	
" paid Mary E. Prescott, "	1 34	
" paid Mary R. Prescott, "	9 35	
" paid Sarah E. Prescott, "	5 00	
26, paid Encampment Lodge, note in full,	57 08	
" paid P. B. Corson, interest,	40 00	
" paid Mary L. Brown, "	11 40	
27, paid Elias True, "	6 00	
" paid Abigail D. Lane, "	4 00	
" paid Joshua F. Lane, "	12 00	
" paid J. W. Fisk, notes and interest in full,	84 76	
		$590 93

ABATEMENTS.

1885.		
April 1, paid Benjamin Poor, for maintaining watering trough,	$3 00	
" paid C. W. Prescott, loss of dog,	1 00	
4, paid M. V. B. Gile, loss of horse,	1 20	
" paid Sally T. Gilman, highway tax for 1884,	2 39	
6, paid S. S. Lock, loss of cow and two sheep,	24	
" paid Jonathan Davis, over 70,	1 20	
7, paid William G. Brown, for maintaining watering trough, 1884,	3 00	

April 18, paid Eben S. Griffin, over taxed, 1883 and 1884,	$2 43	
Dec. 15, paid Charles H. Whitcomb, loss of dog,	1 00	
19, paid Wm. G. Brown, for maintaining watering trough, 1885,	3 00	
1886.		
Feb. 19, paid Wm. J. Welch, loss of dog,	1 00	
23, paid T. F. McClure, highway tax,	1 60	
" paid H. G. McClure, "	1 45	
" Mark Scribner, "	3 20	
25, paid T. L. Brown, loss of dog,	1 00	
" paid John D. Brown, abatement of Daniel Bagley, dog tax for 1881,	1 00	
" paid John D. Brown, abatement of Charles Hardy on poll tax,	50	
26, paid Robert Hill, over-taxed,	3 55	
" paid A. G. Ladd, Collector for 1882, Sanborn Brothers' tax,	3 00	
27, paid S. P. Blake, Collector for 1884, abatements as follows:		
Charles C. Brown, poll tax,	1 20	
Edward Bishop, poll and school tax,	2 02	
Benjamin Johnson, poll tax,	1 20	
John H. Moore, "	1 20	
Arthur H. McClure, "	1 20	
Charles S. Keyes, "	1 20	
Horace Sleeper, poll and school tax,	2 02	
Daniel J. Whittier, paid in Deerfield,	1 20	
Horace West, poll tax,	1 20	
Feb. 27, paid James F. Gove, for maintaining water trough,	3 00	
		$50 20

SNOW BILLS.

1885.	
March 6, paid T. L. Brown,	$5 25
" 14, paid J. W. Fisk,	11 56
" 27, paid John C. Whitcomb,	10 00

Mar. 28, paid Levi S. Brown,	$18 37	
April 4, paid James M. Healey,	2 50	
" paid M. V. B. Gile,	8 00	
" 25, paid Gilman E. Gile,	2 00	
June 26, paid John E. Cram,	75	
July 13, paid David Lane,	3 88	
Sept. 10, paid Walter J. Dudley,	9 67	
" 25, paid Lewis Morrison,	1 50	
Oct. 11, paid Wilson S. Abbott,	11 95	
		$83 93

List of notes held against the town with interest cast to March 1st, 1886.

Judith T. Currier,	$390 00	
Benjamin Dearborn,	1040 00	
Eleanor Prescott,	1000 00	
Abigail D. Lane,	100 00	
Joshua F. Lane,	300 00	
Plummer B. Corson,	1000 00	
Jay P. Brown,	364 00	
Sarah E. Prescott,	125 00	
Joseph E. Prescott,	400 00	
George C. Prescott,	300 00	
Mary R. Prescott,	300 00	
Elias True,	150 00	
A. W. Brown,	53 84	
Dudley Lane,	52 00	
Mary L. Brown,	285 00	
Mary E. Prescott,	50 00	
		$5909 84

Lots in Pine Grove Cemetery sold and not yet paid for:

John H. Smith,	$10 00	
Oliver G. Smith,	10 00	
Goselon & Smart,	10 00	
John H. Harrison,	10 00	
Jedediah Brown, heirs of,	10 00	
John J. Littlefield,	10 00	
Jessie Gile, heirs of,	10 00	
Asa Maloon,	10 00	
John D. Harriman,	10 00	
		$90 00

PLUMMER B. CORSON,
JOHN NORRIS TILTON,
JAMES M. HEALEY,
} Selectmen of Raymond.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Town of Raymond in account with the Treasurer:

			Cr.
By cash received of Treasurer for 1884,	$936	83	
J. D. Brown, Collector, 1881,	41	96	
A. G. Ladd, Collector, 1882,	9	55	
S. P. Blake, Collector, 1884,	555	29	
S. P. Blake, Collector, 1885,	4,115	23	
Selectmen,	1,947	77	
Total receipts,			$7,606 63
			Dr.
Paid state tax,	$772	00	
County tax,	956	10	
Notes and interest,	590	93	
Sundry orders of Selectmen,	3,908	60	
Total expenditures,			$6,227 63
Cash on hand,			$1,379 00

O. T. BROWN, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Selectmens' and Treasurer's accounts of the town of Raymond, for the year ending March 1, 1886, have examined the said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

We find the Treasurer has received as follows:

Received of Treasurer, March 2d, 1885,	$936 83	
J. D. Brown, Collector, 1881,	41 96	
S. P. Blake, Collector, 1884,	555 29	
S. P. Blake, Collector, 1885,	4,115 23	
A. G. Ladd, Collector, 1882,	9 55	
P. R. Currier in part for oxen,	75 00	
County of Rockingham,	147 34	
Borrowed money,	305 00	
Rent of town hall,	42 44	
County of Rockingham,	215 46	
Railroad tax,	47 90	
Savings bank tax,	951 32	
Literary fund,	110 41	
Bounties from state,	32 90	
For lots in cemetery,	20 00	
Total receipts,		$7,606 63

We find there have been paid as follows:

Paid outstanding bills,	$179 70
Notes and interest,	590 93
School money,	1,215 98
Highways and bridges,	758 93
State tax,	772 00
County tax,	956 10
School house tax,	355 00
Snow bills,	83 93
County poor,	352 32

Paid Abatements,	$50 20	
Parsonage fund interest,	71 25	
Bounties,	23 90	
Town poor,	71 00	
Damage by dogs,	61 00	
Town charges,	685 39	
Total expenditures,		$6,227 63
Cash on hand, March 1st, 1886,		1,379 00

Statement of the standing of the town March 1st, 1886:

Notes held by individuals against the town,	$5,909 84
School-fund note,	1,262 00
Parsonage-fund note,	1,193 00
Outstanding bills, as estimated,	150 00
	$8,514 84

We find available funds as follows:

Due from P. R. Currier for oxen,		$101 57
S. P. Blake, Collector for 1885,		957 58
Sale of lots in cemetery,	90 00	
County of Rockingham,	10 00	
George M. Moulton for oxen.	160 00	
Cash on hand March 1st, 1886,	1379 00	
		$2,698 15

Town debt March 1st, 1886,	$5,816 69
Town debt March 1st, 1885,	$6,698 32

CHARLES W. LANE, }
J. W. FISK, } Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Spring term, taught by Miss M. Annie Fitts, of Candia, an experienced and uniformly successful teacher. The school is small in numbers, regular in attendance, in good order and studious. With these characteristics, we always find a successful school. This teacher, I understand, has become permanent teacher in a small school of one pupil. Success to her.

Fall term taught by Miss Lizzie C. True, of this town, This teacher is a resident in this district, and has been a pupil of this school from her youth. She is intelligent, energetic, clear-sighted, and well grounded in the principles which she teaches. This, her first attempt in teaching, was a grand success, considering her age, &c. All the elements of a good school were plainly visible. Quite a large number of the parents and others were present at the examination and seemed well pleased. We hope she will continue in the business, as our schools need just such teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Josephine A. Leach, of this town, a teacher of some experience, knowing well what she teaches, and laborious in the drill of the school-room. The register shows that the attendance was not what it should have been. There were too many tardy

marks and absences. Still, on the whole the school has been a successful one. The scholars made good progress and seemed to understand what they had been over.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term taught by Miss Mattie F. Scribner, of this town, a teacher of large experience and many accomplishments and uniformly successful. Under these circumstances we expected a first-class school. Her genial manners and untiring labor soon won the esteem of her pupils and the result was success, as we expected. Perhaps a mild dose of *coercion might have been healthful to some of her boys.*

Fall term taught by W. S. Abbott. This school has probably more good, well disposed, working material than any other in town. If this is so, then it must have been a successful school. I have heard no complaint that amounts to anything, and as W. S. Abbott taught the school *I will say no more about it.*

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This school of one term was taught by Mrs. Lizzie S. Hook, of Chester. She is an experienced teacher and seems at home in the schoolroom. The scholars came from three districts and came in at different times. When I was in the first time there were but four scholars present; at the examination there were fifteen present. On the whole, then, I should say it was a very good school. The order was good, and the scholars seemed well disposed.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This district has no schoolhouse and but few scholars; therefore it was thought best to send the scholars to a neighboring school in Candia. There they had the advantage of a good school, taught by an old, experienced teacher, Mrs. Mary E. Nutting, of Candia. This case shows how much might be accomplished by uniting small districts in many of our

towns. Instead of short terms, taught by inexperienced teachers, there might be long terms, taught by good, experienced teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Spring and fall terms taught by Mrs. Lilla S. Batchelder, of this town. This teacher is well known in the town, having taught in this district several times, and also in other districts. Her schools have uniformly been successful. She is one of our best teachers. For further remarks I refer to my last year's report.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Nellie E. McClure, of this town. This teacher has taught this school for several years with uniform success, giving entire satisfaction to all, as far as I know. My advice to this district is keep her in the teacher's chair as long as possible.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Spring term taught by Miss Kate T. Clark, of Auburn, a lady of good natural ability, having a well developed mind and happy faculty of interesting her pupils. Some of her methods were novel and interesting. Her scholars seemed interested and very much alive. They were not, it is true, as quiet, and did not sit up so straight quite as in some schools, yet the order was as good, I think, as we ought to expect in a school of this grade. On the whole it was a very successful term.

Fall term taught by Miss Jessie B. Clark, a sister of the above. This lady being more quiet, and apparently less energetic than her sister, in the school room, I was afraid she would suffer in comparison. But at the close of the school, it was evident a good work had been done, the result of diligence and hard labor. This school requires a teacher of peculiar talent, *inborn* not artificial.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Spring and fall terms taught by Walter S. Adams, of Deerfield. This teacher is a young gentleman of good intellectual ability and has had some experience in teaching, and under ordinary circumstances might have been successful. But this school is not, and has not been distinguished for good habits of order, diligence or punctuality. Any school with a register showing a non-membership of 250 and other absences of 400 half days, to say nothing of tardy marks, cannot be satisfactory. The blame is not wholly in the teacher; parents are in fault. I received no notice of the close of the fall term—and hence no examination. Why notice was not given is a question.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Vinie M. Richardson, of Chester. This teacher is one of experience. The school, at my several visits, seemed to be in good order, diligent, and making progress, and, considering the number, age, and attainments of the scholars, was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Alice S. Gould, of this town. This was her first attempt at teaching. There were only two scholars in the district that attended the school, and one of these, an invalid, went but part of the time. In the spring term scholars came in from adjoining districts, which was a mutual benefit to all concerned. So far as I could see and hear, the school was satisfactory to the district.

REMARKS.

In this, my final report as Superintending School Committee, I would congratulate the town in respect to the good condition of its schools. I do not say they are all we could wish, but remembering them as they were in the past, and knowing them as they are now, I think they are all we ought

to expect. Common teachers' wages are not sufficient to induce them to spend much time or money, in preparing themselves for the work, and we are obliged to use such material as is in the market. In Germany the common school teachers are mostly graduates of their universities, and the result is, that the people of Germany are, on the whole, the best educated people in the world. Again, we need better supervision of our schools. Going into a school at the beginning of a term, before it is fairly started, and then at the close, when nothing can be altered, amounts to but little, except to induce teachers to get up a "cut and dried" examination, as an entertainment. If a good committee could go into each school several times during each term, it might improve things much. But it would cost something. Yes, it would. Anything that is valuable generally costs something. Again, *parents* should take more interest in the schools, consult with the teachers more freely, and do less fault-finding. Outline maps, also, are very much needed in all our schools. The eye helps very much in fixing map geography in the mind. We might mention several other things needed, but these will suffice for the present. The new school law has gone into effect. In regard to its utility, a great difference of opinion exists. Now it seems to me, that the best way to test the law, is to give it a fair trial, not by any extremely radical measure, but by a more or less gradual conformity to its spirit and provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. ABBOTT,

Superintending School Committee.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Term.....	No. of District	Length of School in Weeks..	Whole No. of Scholars. ..	Average Attendance.....	No. not absent or tardy.....	Teachers' Wages per month, including board.....	Visits of Superintending School Committee.....	Visits of Prudential Committee.....	Visits of Citizens.	Amount of money appropriated to each district for the year.....
Spring.	1	9	9	7.18	1	$22.00	2	0	13	$130.00
	2	6	5	5	2	16.00	1	0	9	85.00
	3	9	29	21	5	29.00	2	0	13	141.40
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	5	8.6	† 13-3	11 C. 2 R.	0	20 00	2	0	4	43.25
	6	9	17	16	7	23.00	3	0	36	118.50
	7	9	21	16	6	20.00	1	0	20	86.40
	8 P	8.6	36	28	5	30.00	2	0	21	...
	8 G	9	21	19	3	40.00	2	0	0	370.28
	9	7	10	9.2	5	21.00	2	0	8	81.00
	10	5	10	8	6	16.00	1	0	3	58.00
Fall.	1	14 6	8	7.92	0	22.00	2	1	33	. ..
	2	12	7	6.84	0	20 00	1	1	12	....
	3	8	32	26	6	30.00	..	0	10	...
	4	14.8	15	8	2	18.00	2	0	8	66.00
	†5	..	..	....	..	....	...	...	..	...
	6	11.6	19	18	6	23.00	1	0	15	...
	7	12	15	14	0	20 00	1	0	19	...
	8 P	10	39	33	0	30.00	2	0	39	...
	8 G	10	23	18	1	40.00	1	0	0	...
	9	7	12	10	3	21 00	2	0	7	....
	10	7	2	2	0	16.00	0	0	2	....
						Union Branch District,				$35.00

*District No. 4 had no school.

†The school in District No. 5 having no schoohouse and only four or five pupils, was taught in an adjoining district in Candia, making a school of sixteen; thirteen from Candia, and three from Raymond

P Primary.

G Grammar.